Non-Completion of Research Project

*274. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 44 in-house research projects of Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai, during a period of five years from 1st April, 1995 to 31st March, 2000, only 12 projects could be completed;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for their non-completion; and

(c) the details of remedial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai has successfully completed 12 projects out of 44 in-house projects and their achievements are available in various reports. The research and teaching programmes of CIFE were prioritized and some of the projects with related objectives were re-grouped with a view to pooling the resources and avoid duplication. Rest of the projects are in operation. The in-house research projects are not time-bound but are regularly reviewed by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and the Staff Research Council (SRC) and based on their recommendations the research projects are re-oriented.

Comparative Literacy Rate

* 275 SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the male literacy rate in a small country like Sri Lanka is 93 per cent, the female literacy rate is 87 per cent and Bangladesh also has achieved considerable progress in literacy;

(b) if so, what are the comparative figures of literacy rate in India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase literacy rate among males and females, especially when the theme of family planning lies on the literacy of women ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) As per the UNESCO 1999 Statistical Year Book, the male and female literacy rate in Sri Lanka is 94.5 per cent and 88.9 per cent respectively. In Bangladesh, the male literacy rate is 51.7 per cent and the female literacy rate is 29.5 per cent.